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1) REFTEL A REQUESTED DEPARTMENT EXPEDITE PROCUREMENT OF FACSIMILE SIGNATURE INSERTS FOR ROBERT E. TYNES. REFTEL B FURNISHED FISCAL DATA FOR THIS PURPOSE. URGENCY BEHIND THIS REQUEST IS OCCASIONED BY THE UNEXPECTED DEPARTURE OF BOTH CONSULAR OFFICERS FOR WHOM NAME INSERTS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED, I.E. SHERMAN, WHO WAS DETAILED TO USIS IN JANUARY, AND SEEFELDT, WHO IS LEAVING ON TRANSFER TO BERLIN APRIL 28.

2) WHILE POST HOPEFUL THAT TYNES INSERTS WILL ARRIVE BEFORE APRIL 28, IT APPEARS NECESSARY CONSIDER HOW VISA ISSUANCE WILL PROCEED SHOULD THAT NOT OCCUR. IN REVIEWING INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING FACSIMILE SYSTEM, WE FIND NO GUIDANCE REGARDING A SITUATION IN WHICH NO NAME INSERTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ANY OF THE CONSULAR OFFICERS PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT POST. QUESTION, THEREFORE, IS WHETHER WE MUST REVERT TO MANUAL SIGNING UNTIL TYNES INSERTS ARRIVE OR WHETHER IT WOULD BE PERMISSIBLE USE EITHER SHERMAN OR SEEFELDT INSERTS DURING GAP PERIOD DESPITE DEPARTURE OF THOSE OFFICERS. FORMER APPROACH IS OBVIOUSLY THE LEAST DESIRABLE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF FACT WE ARE NOW ENTERING PEAK VISA SEASON AND FACT THAT VISA OFFICER TYNES WILL HAVE ADDED DUTIES AS ACTING CHIEF OF SECTION DURING MAY AND JUNE. LATTER APPROACH, HOWEVER, RAISES QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THERE IS ANY LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT OFFICER WHOSE FACSIMILE SIGNATURE

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APPEARS ON VISAS BE FORMALLY ASSIGNED TO OR ACTUALLY AT POST.

3) AS ILLUSTRATION THAT NAME PLATE PROBLEM LOOMING HERE IS NOT
UNIQUE, SEEFELDT LEARNED FROM BERLIN THAT, OF THE TWO OFFICERS
FOR WHOM INSERTS WERE PROVIDED THERE, VITALE HAS ALREADY
LEFT AND LATTA IS SCHEDULED DEPART IN MID-MAY. THAT POST WOULD
ACCORDINGLY FACE IDENTICAL PROBLEM WERE IT NOT FOR FACT THAT
SEEFELDT CAN TAKE HIS ALREADY EXISTING INSERTS WITH HIM.
GENERAL GUIDELINES ON HOW FACSIMILE SYSTEM CAN CONTINUE
FUNCTIONING NOTWITHSTANDING WHOLESALE TRANSFER OF OFFICERS
THEREFORE APPEAR NEEDED. SPIVACK

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